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SUBJECT: 62ND ECOSOC, AGENDA ITEM 15--ELECTIONS

1. SUMMARY: THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ON ECOSOC ELECTIONS
HELD MAY 11. END SUMMARY.

2. RESULTS OF ECOSOC ELECTIONS HELD ON MAY 11 ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

A. STATISTICAL COMMISSION: CANADA, ETHIOPIA,
JAMAICA, SPAIN, TUNISIA, USSR, AND U.S. (COMMENT:
ONE AFRICAN SEAT STILL TO BE FILLED.)

B. POPULATION COMMISSION: BARBADOS, EGYPT, INDIA,
JAPAN, MALAWI, PANAMA, UK, USSR, AND U.S.

C. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL,
COLOMBIA, FRANCE, IRAN, POLAND, U.S. YUGOSLAVIA.
(COMMENT: RESULTS OF VOTE ON WEO'S: FRANCE, 45;

U.S. 43; AUSTRALIA, 36; FRG, 29. RESULTS OF
VOTE ON LATIN AMERICANS: COLOMBIA, 46; BRAZIL,
42; COSTA RICA, 20. RESULTS OF VOTE ON ASIANS:
IRAN, 40; PHILIPPINES, 14. VOTE ON AFRICANS WAS
POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 12.)

D. COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM AND COORDINATION: BRAZIL,
BURUNDI, GHANA, INDONESIA, JAPAN, KENYA.

E. COMMITTEE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING:
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BARBADOS, CANADA, CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPITE, EGYPT,
GDR, IRAQ, JAMAICA, THAILAND, SWEDEN. IN ADDITION,
MALAWI AND SYRIA WERE ELECTED FOR A TERM
EXPIRING 31 DECEMBER, 1980.

F. COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL: ALGERIA, AR-
GENTINA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BENIN, CANADA, COLOMBIA,
ECUADOR, EGYPT, FRANCE, FRG, KENYA, THE NETHERLANDS,

NIGERIA, SURINAM, UK, CAMEROON, VENEZUELA. (COMMENT: FOUR AFRICAN AND FIVE ASIAN SLOTS TO BE FILLED LATER).
G. COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES: SIERRA LEONA. (COMMENT: ONE AFRICAN AND ON ASIAN SEAT TO BE FILLED LATER).
H. COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: SIERRA, LEONE. (COMMENT: TWO ASIAN POSITIONS TO BE FILLED LATER.)
I. COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMS: GREECE, HUNGARY, NORWAY, TUNISIA. (COMMENT: ONE ASIAN POSITION TO BE FILLED LATER.)
J. COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS: ARGENTINA, BENIN, COLOMBIA, FRANCE, FRG, GDR, GHANA, JAPAN, ROMANIA, SURINAM, SWITZERLAND, TUNISIA, ZAMBIA. (COMMENT: RESULT OF THE VOTE ON WEO'S: SWITZERLAND, 42; FRG, 41; FRANCE, 40; AUSTRALIA, 33.)
K. UN SPECIAL FUND FOR LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES: ELECTIONS POSTPONED.
L. COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS: ALGERIA, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, GDR, INDONESIA, IRAN, JAPAN, MEXICO, PANAMA, TOGO, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UK, AND USSR. (COMMENT: SEE BELOW.)
M. AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES: POSTPONED.
N. UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD: AFGHANISTAN, BARBADOS, CANADA, CHILE, FRG, JORDAN, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, YUGOSLAVIA, ZAMBIA. (COMMENT: SEE BELOW).
O. UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: ARGENTINA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, ECUADOR, FINLAND, FRG, INDONESIA, UNCLASSIFIED

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IVORY COAST, JORDAN, KENYA, THE NETHERLANDS, POLAND, SENEGAL, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. (COMMENT: RESULT OF VOTE FOR ASIANS: TUNISIA, 42; JORDAN, 40; DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, 37; FIJI, 34. RESULT OF VOTE ON WEO'S: FINLAND, 46; SPAIN, 45; THE NETHERLANDS, 43; SWITZERLAND, 41; FRG, 40; TURKEY, 32.)

3. ELECTIONS WERE MARRED BY TWO MAJOR SQUABBLES. WITH REGARD TO THE AFRICAN POSITIONS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, THE AFRICAN GROUP HAD "AGREED" ON THREE CANDIDACIES--BURUNDI, IVORY COAST, AND ETHIOPIA. HOWEVER, MOROCCO AND EGYPT INSISTED ON MAINTAINING THEIR CANDIDACIES. THE NIGERIAN REPRESENTATIVE, AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE AFRICAN GROUP, URGED THE COUNCIL SIMPLY TO APPROVE BY ACCLAMATION THE "AGREED SLATE," ARGUING INTER ALIA THAT THIS SLATE REFLECTED APPROPRIATE SUB-REGIONAL REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMISSION. IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE SUBSEQUENT DEBATE, THE MATTER WAS POSTPONED TO PERMIT THE AFRICAN GROUP TO MEET AND, IF POSSIBLE, COME UP WITH AN

AGREED SLATE. WHEN THE DEBATE RESUMED, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AGREED SLATE; HOWEVER, THE SESSION WAS ADJOURNED BEFORE A VOTE COULD BE TAKEN. THE SITUATION MIGHT BECOME MORE COMPLICATED, SINCE OTHER AFRICAN STATES, IN PARTICULAR UPPER VOLTA AND PERHAPS SENEGAL, WHO HAD WITHDRAWN THEIR CANDIDACIES IN FAVOR OF AN AGREED SLATE MIGHT NOW RESUBMIT THEIR CANDIDACIES.

4. THE OTHER MAJOR DISPUTE INVOLVED ELECTIONS TO THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS AND TO THE UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD. SINCE THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION ON POSITIONS ON BOTH OF THESE BODIES IS NOT SPECIFIED BUT REPRESENTS A GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT, THE FACT THAT THE WEO'S WERE UNABLE TO AGREE ON A NARCOTICS SLATE AND THE ASIANS ON A UNICEF SLATE OPENED ALL CANDIDACIES TO A VOTE. SPOKESMEN FOR GROUPS WITH AGREED SLATES WERE VOCIFEROUS IN THEIR OBJECTION TO THIS. IN THE CASE OF THE NARCOTICS BOARD, THE SUBSEQUENT ELECTION RESULTED IN THE WEO'S IN EFFECT TAKING ONE SEAT FROM THE

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LATIN AMERICAN GROUP (I.E. CHILE). ELECTIONS FOR THE UNICEF BOARD, HOWEVER DID NOT RESULT IN ANY CHANGES IN THE EXISTING GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE. RATHER OBVIOUS IN THE BACKGROUND WAS THE SOVIET BLOC AND CUBAN MACHINATIONS TO DENY CHILE A POSITION ON EITHER OF THOSE TWO BODIES.

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